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Hello

I am a software engineer in San Diego California. And as such I am very much involved with computers. What I have recently heard about the Governments choice to settle the Anti trust case against Microsoft is disheartening. I expected that the government would take put the consumers who have been harmed by Microsoft first. In the last 5 years I have purchased 8 new computers, each one came with a Microsoft operating system, of those 8 I still use 3, but only 1 is running a Microsoft OS, OS as part of their bundling requirements I effectively purchased 8 copies of the same software to run on one computer. I believe that as part of their settlement Microsoft should be required to follow open standards prevented by law from extending those standards in a closed fashion. For example, the Keberos spec, which they embraced then changed so that their OS' would not inter operate properly with other operating systems such as Solaris and Linux. They should also be required to open their standards for many of their products such as the networking so that SAMBA can be made to work properly with windows.

Also I feel that Microsoft should be required to open the source of the operating systems they are no longer supporting, thus allowing anyone to fix the problems that Microsoft will no longer fix, I am not suggesting that they give away their current or previous OS (XP and 2000/ME) but rather that they open windows 95, 98 and NT which they no longer support.

Respectfully
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